

City of Auburn Traffic Committee MINUTES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
8:30 a.m.
Auburn City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way, Room 10

CALL TO ORDER at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present: Dir. of Public Works Bernie Schroeder, Council Member Mike Holmes, Traffic Engineer Ken Anderson, Police Chief John Ruffcorn, and Planning Commissioner Roger Luebkehan.

Public Comment: Bernie and John provided an update on Finley, saying the one-way arrows have been refreshed, parking "T" painted and one-way driving enforcement.

Discussion items:

- By MOTION, approve Traffic Committee minutes of 1/21/2014 as corrected. Holmes/ Schroeder/ Approved by voice
- Mikkelsen Drive Traffic Concerns
Bill Kirby spoke on this item saying he has concerns about blind curves, bus shelters and safety issues on Mikkelsen. He said the most danger is to pedestrians and action needs to be taken.
Gerry Mifsud did a presentation about the issues on Mikkelsen. He talked about letters/petitions received, "Senior Zone", 3 stop signs with crosswalks. Questions followed regarding speed, direction of speeding cars, and accidents.
Christina Walsh-Curley spoke about the problem with wide streets and speeding, stating if the street appeared narrower it could slow people down.
Wayne Trimble spoke about the history of the problems on this street. He said adding signs to Auburn Ravine contributed to the Mikkelsen problem. He spoke of an ordinance the County has about getting 75% of residents support to install speed bumps.
Roger Luebkehan asked if the street could be taken back to its original state, and become a dead end street.
Ken Anderson reviewed the history and studies done on this street. He spoke about sight distance problems for crosswalks, the danger of stop signs to slow traffic due to obedience, and how to safely get people across the street.
John Ruffcorn presented the traffic stats on the street.
The manager of the Ridge Apartments spoke about kids/ school bus concerns and other dangerous situations in the area. She said the speed trailer helped when it was on the street.
Mike Holmes said he would like to have pedestrian delineators looked at as part of the solution.

Bernie said she would like to retain professional services to have options looked at.

By MOTION, task the traffic engineer with looking at possible solutions for Mikkelsen and return at the next meeting with a report.

Schroeder/ Holmes/ Approved unanimously by voice

- Speed Limit Signage Robie Point

Christina Walsh-Curley spoke about problems in Robie Point including: speeding residents, speed limit signage, lack of bike lanes, and general pedestrian danger.

Bernie Schroeder suggested neighborhood outreach since many of the speeders are residents.

Keith Jones said the problem is mornings, noon and 4-5pm. He said he uses personal signage to try to get people to slow down. He said some of the existing speed limit signage is being blocked by trees.

Bernie said she will follow up to make sure signage is clearly visible.

John said he will do additional enforcement in the area.

- State Theater Loading Zone: Bernie

Bernie Schroeder explained the request, saying there are currently 4 – parking spots in front of the theater. There was a request from the State Theater representatives (APAC) to make two of those four spots “loading and unloading” zones with limited time parking. There was no representative from the Auburn Placer Performing Arts Committee (APAC) at the meeting. The consensus of the group was to wait until APAC has a representative at the meeting so that we can further refine their request.

- Repair of High Street (location of water line rupture incident)

Bernie Schroeder said a substantial repair to the street and sidewalk area is currently being designed as a result of a major rupture to a PCWA waterline on High Street. In addition to the street and sidewalk repairs by PCWA, the city investigated and performed repairs to an existing sewer line in the general vicinity as well. She said the City sewer work is complete and the intent is to encourage PCWA to have the street and sidewalk repairs completed by 5/11/14 when Amgen is scheduled to use that portion of High Street for the bicycle event. There is a PCWA meeting with Amgen reps in early April. John Ruffcorn spoke about the proposed route by Amgen.

- Confirm Bike Share Stencil Locations/ Completion of Project

The stencil locations are all of High Street, from Auburn Folsom to Central Square.

Adjournment at 9:50 a.m.